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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q57282

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Appln. No.: 09/446,634

Group Art Unit: 1642

Confirmation No.: 2661

Examiner: Misook YU

Filed: December 23, 1999

For: NOVEL PLASMID DNA COMPRISING REPORTER GENE DNA AND USE OF THE
SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of February 9, 2004 to July 9, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$420.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

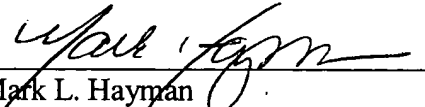
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